

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed activity in Norfolk, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

**April 3, 2013 to May 3, 2013**

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing the proposed issuance of a CG-4424 Permit for Marine Event for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Norfolk Harborfest on the Elizabeth River from June 7 through June 9, 2013 to determine whether the event would be consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water, and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

U.S. Department of Homeland Security: U.S. Coast Guard

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Coast Guard proposes to issue a CG-4424 Permit for Marine Event to Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., the event sponsors, for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Norfolk Harborfest. This event is to be held on the Elizabeth River adjacent to Town Point Reach in Norfolk, enclosed by the following boundaries:

36-51-7 N/076-18-1 W, to 36-50-55 N/076-18-11 W, to  
36-49-55 N/076-17-40 W, and  
36-50-29 N/076-17-23 W.

The event is to be held from June 7 through June 9, 2013 between 12:00 noon and 11:00 PM each day. The Coast Guard expects 200 vessels to participate in various parades, cruises, and demonstrations throughout the event. There will be a fireworks display on Saturday, June 8, from 9:30 PM to 10:00 PM from one barge positioned immediately off Town Point Park. The event sponsor does not intend to place buoys to mark the event.

The Coast Guard has an established Special Local Regulation, #2 in the table to 33 CFR Part 100, section 100.501(c), to promote safety on the navigable waters immediately before, during, and immediately after a marine event.

The Coast Guard states that the proposed event is consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project document at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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